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**For the Period April 26 to May 2, 2011**

Just under one per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

Lentils, field peas and cereals are being seeded in a few areas; however, the majority of Saskatchewan producers got a late start to field work due to excess moisture. Last week, an unusually late snow storm dropped significant amounts of precipitation on parts of southeastern and east-central Saskatchewan.

#### **One year ago**

Two per cent of the 2010 crop had been seeded. Seeding operations had come to a halt for the week due to rain and snow.

Areas in the southwest, west-central and northwest have dried up enough for producers to start field work. Many producers in these regions are expecting to start seeding operations within the week.

The majority of crop reporters are indicating that fields are still very wet, and many recorded precipitation last week. Across the province, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 59 per cent surplus and 41 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 43 per cent surplus and 57 per cent adequate.

Eight per cent of the winter wheat crop and four per cent of the fall rye crop have some winter-kill or spring flooding damage.

Farmers are busy calving, hauling cattle to pasture, cleaning seed and preparing machinery for seeding.

## **Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)**

Significant amounts of rain and snow accompanied by high winds were reported in the region late last week, compounding the effects of excess moisture. Most of the region's crop reporters have indicated seeding will be at least two weeks away. There has been very little field activity to date. Rural municipalities are busy repairing roads that were cut or washed out. The Stoughton area reported 41 mm of precipitation, the Tantallon area 82 mm, the Windthorst area 47 mm, the Weyburn area 13 mm and the Radville area 9 mm.

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There have been a few reports of producers getting onto the land to do some pre-seeding field work and seeding, but most producers are predicting seeding will not begin for another two weeks, and only if the weather cooperates. Fields are a little drier on the western side of the region, and some producers are expecting to get onto the land within the week.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as 77 per cent surplus and 23 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 66 per cent surplus and 34 per cent adequate.

Seven per cent of the winter wheat and five per cent of the fall rye crops in the region have had winter damage or spring flooding damage.

Some areas in the region received up to 82 mm of moisture, with up to two feet of snow. Access to fields and farm yards is an issue due to impassable roads. The storm was hard on calving operations as some producers reported losing calves and other cattle.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and fixing fences.

#### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Some producers have been able to get into the fields to do some pre-seeding field work and begin seeding. There are other areas where seeding and field work is still delayed by one to two weeks. All regions have reported some seeding progress. Field peas, lentils, barley, canola and wheat are being seeded. Just under two per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded.

The region received a few rain showers during the week. The Bengough and Swift Current areas received 6 mm, the Spring Valley area 5 mm, the Admiral area 8 mm and the Eastend area 11 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 47 per cent surplus and 53 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 28 per cent surplus and 72 per cent adequate. Crop reporters have indicated 10 per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye crop has winter damage or has been damaged by flooding. Road access to fields is still an issue in some areas.

Pastures are starting to green up. Farmers are busy calving, hauling cattle to pasture, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and seeding.

#### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

There are reports of pre-seeding field work and seeding in Crop District 6A. Barley, field peas and lentils are being seeded in 6A. The majority of farmers have yet to begin seeding due to excess moisture. Crop reporters are indicating severe flooding in areas which has damaged roads and culverts, and flooded farm yards. Seeding is expected to be delayed for at least another two to three weeks in crop districts 5A and 5B. Crop

District 5A was the northern edge of the snow storm last Friday and Saturday, and some areas received up to 86 mm of moisture. The Langenburg area received 53 mm, the Yorkton area 36 mm, the Stockholm area 86 mm and the Kamsack area 15 mm. Crop District 6A received some rain showers

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 79 per cent surplus and 21 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 67 per cent surplus and 33 per cent adequate. Eleven per cent of the winter wheat and four per cent of the fall rye has winter damage or flooding damage. Many pastures and fields are flooded or inaccessible due to washed out roads. The RMs are busy trying to fix roads. The snow storm brought 80 km per hour winds with it, causing problems for calving operations.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and trying to deal with the water.

#### **West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

A few producers were able to get onto the land to do some pre-seeding field work and seeding. Lentils, peas, canola and durum are being seeded. The rest of producers are anticipating field work will start next week. Rain showers rolled through the region last week, delaying seeding in some areas. The Sonningdale area received 2 mm of precipitation, the Netherhill area 10 mm, the Kindersley area 8 mm, the Kerrobert area 11 mm and the Wilke area 9 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 43 per cent surplus and 57 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 26 per cent surplus and 74 per cent adequate. Pastures have started to green up during the past week.

Two per cent of the winter wheat and four per cent of the fall rye has winter damage or flooding damage.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, hauling grain, working on machinery and doing some pre-seeding field work.

#### **Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

Fields have started to dry during the past few days due to fairly warm and windy conditions. There are a few reports of producers getting onto the land to do some pre-seeding field work. Seeding is expected to start in some areas this week. Most crop reporters have indicated seeding is 10 days to two weeks away.

A few rain showers were recorded in the region, dropping 1 to 2 mm of rain in some areas. Many roads are flooded or washed out.

Crop reporters are indicating 10 per cent of the winter wheat and five per cent of the fall rye has winter damage or spring flooding damage. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated

as 62 per cent surplus and 38 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 61 per cent surplus and 39 per cent adequate.

Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible.

Farmers are calving, readying machinery, cleaning grain and doing some pre-seeding field work.

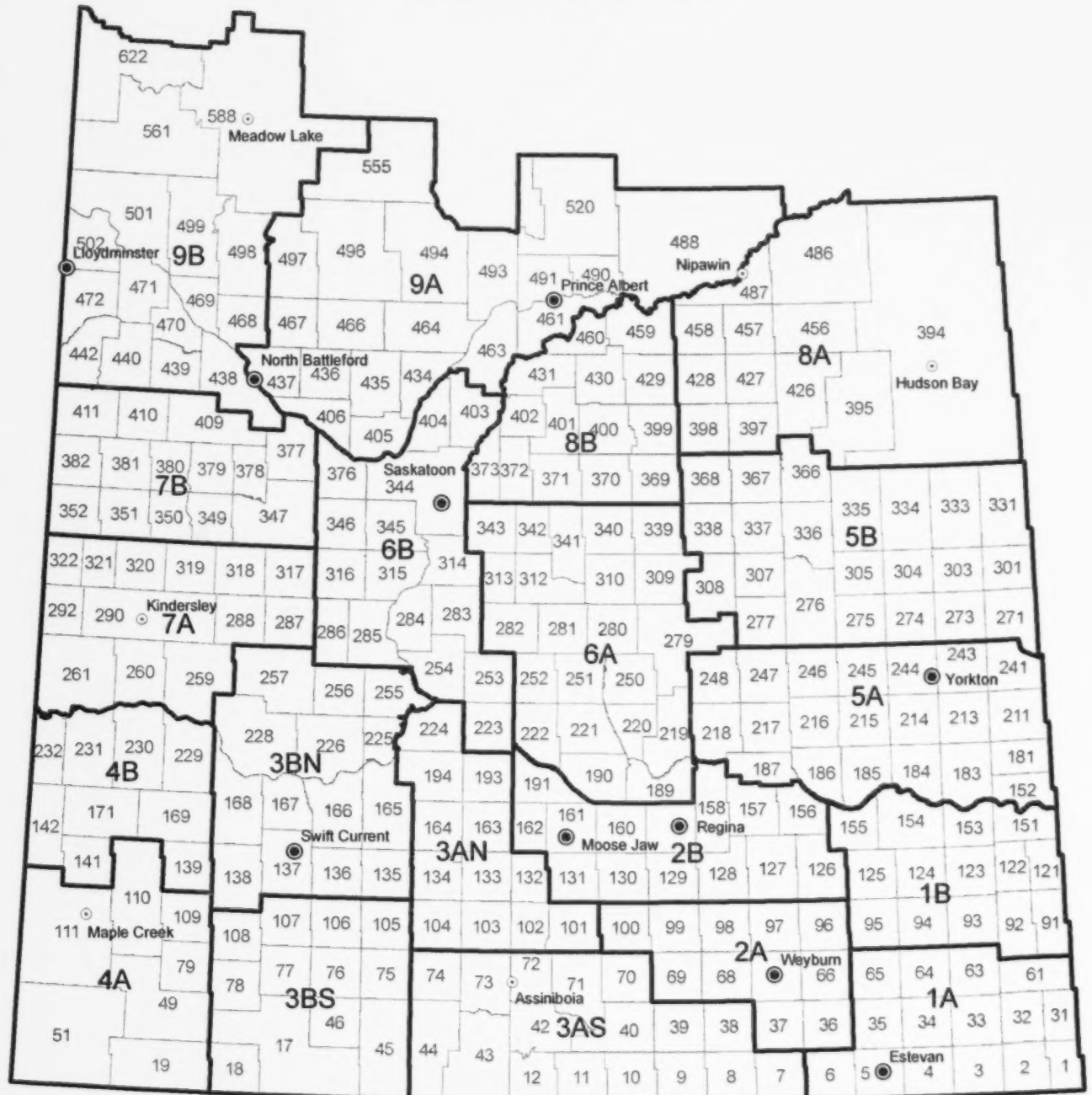
#### **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

Pre-seeding field work has started in some areas of the region. A few crop reporters have indicated some canola has been seeded, but the majority of seeding is still 10 days to two weeks away. Rain showers rolled through the region. The North Battleford and Debden areas received 3 mm, the St. Walburg area 24 mm, the Turtleford area 15 mm, the Pierceland area 22 mm and the Neilburg area 10 mm.

Cropland top soil moisture is reported as 26 per cent surplus and 74 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus and 96 per cent adequate. Five per cent of the winter wheat and three per cent of the fall rye has winter damage or spring flooding damage.

Pastures are starting to green up. Farmers are busy readying equipment, calving, moving grain, cleaning seed and doing some pre-seeding field work.

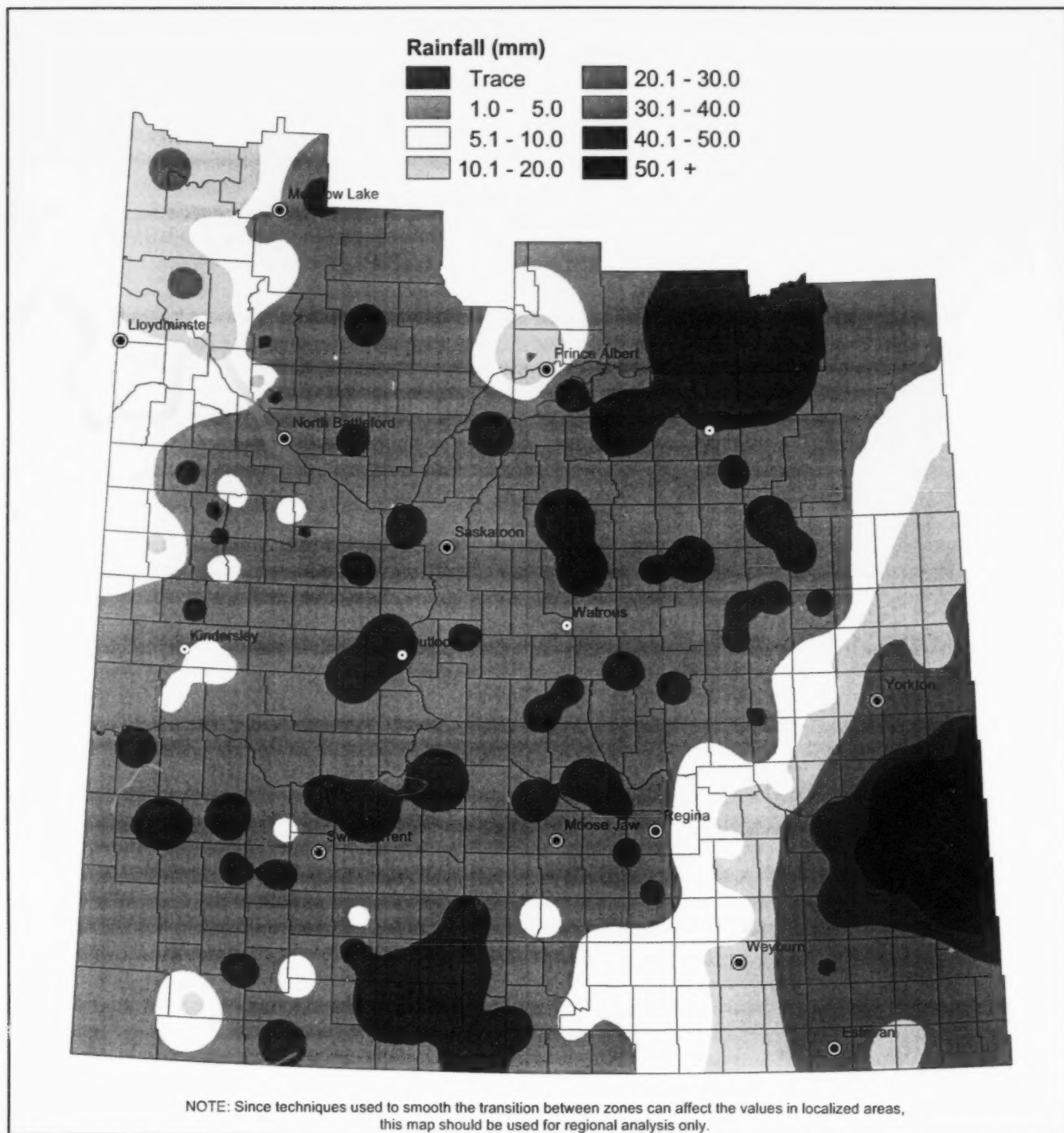
# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan





# Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 2, 2011



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Kilometers

Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83



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IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

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# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 26 to May 2, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A	4A	49	White Valley	11	49	7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	5
	2	Mount Pleasant	25	54		49 A	White Valley	N/A	N/A		347 B	Biggar	N/A	N/A
	3	Enniskillen	12	45		51	Reno	1	35		350 A	Manpola	NIL	NIL
	33 B	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	NIL	32		350 B	Manpola	7	7
	34	Browning	20	67		109	Carmichael	3	53		351	Progress	11	11
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		110	Paprot	5	12		352	Heart's Hill	7	12
	63	Moose Mountain	35	71		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		377	Glenside	1	4
	64	Brook	40	70	4B	139	Gull Lake	0.5	23		378 A	Rosemount	4	8
	65	Tecumseh	41	50		141	Big Stick	1	28		378 B	Rosemount	8	9
1B	91	Maryfield	N/A	22		142	Enterprise	1	26		379	Retford	4	9
	92	Walpole	N/A	35		169	Pittville	NIL	17		380	Tramping Lake	NIL	2
	95	Golden West	47	76		171	Fox Valley	NIL	NIL		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	09	110		229	Mary Creek	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	2	3
	123 A	Silverwood	N/A	15	5A	231	Happyland	NIL	5		409 B	Buffalo	8.5	9
	124 A	Kingsley	56	75		183	Fertile Belt	85.8	93		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A		186	Abernethy	9	14		411	Senlac	10	15
	125	Chester	39	60		211	Churchbridge	53	56	8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	3
	151 A	Rocanville	82	90		213	Saltcoats	37	42		397	Barner Valley	0.8	9
	151 B	Rocanville	70	73		216	Tullymet	2	9		428	Star City	N/A	16
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A		217	Lipton	NIL	5		456	Arborfield	NIL	12
	154	Elcapo	53	63		241	Calder	31	31		457	Connaught	NIL	15
	155	Wolseley	50	60		243	Wallace	35.5	36		458	Willow Creek	N/A	20
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	60		245 A	Garry	8	15		486	Moose Range	NIL	NIL
	67	Weyburn	13	40		245 B	Garry	10	16		487	Nipawin	NIL	9
	68	Brokenshell	10	68		246	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	2	8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	NIL
	69	Norton	N/A	32		247	Kelroas	1	18		370	Humboldt	1	4
	97	Wellington	5	43		248	Touchwood	NIL	NIL		371 A	Bayne	NIL	7
2B	127 A	Francis	11.5	38	5B	271	Cote	15	16		371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
						276	Foam Lake	2	2		372	Grant	1.2	4
	127 B	Francis	9	16		277	Emerald	NIL	18		402	Fish Creek	1	4
	129	Brat's Lake	NIL	20		305	Invermay	NIL	13		429 A	Flett's Springs	N/A	N/A
	156 A	Indian Head	N/A	N/A		307	Elton	NIL	15		429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	23
	160 A	Pense	3	13		308	Big Quill	NIL	NIL		430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	160 B	Pense	2	20		333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL		459	Kinstino	NIL	25
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	8		333 B	Clayton	N/A	1		460	Birch Hills	NIL	NIL
	191	Marquis	NIL	1		334	Freecastle	N/A	1		461	Prince Albert	N/A	20
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A		335	Hazel Dell	NIL	10	9AE	483 A	Torch River	NIL	NIL
	38 A	Laurier	9	48		336	Sarman	NIL	5		488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	38 B	Laurier	7.5	40		337	Lakeview	N/A	8		491	Buckland	20.29	32
	39 A	The Gap	5	39		338	Lakeside	NIL	5	9AW	406	Mayfield	2	2
	39 B	The Gap	7	57		366	Kelvington	NIL	10		435	Redberry	2	2
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	1	21	6A	189	Lumsden	NIL	31		436	Douglas	NIL	8
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A		190 A	Duffern	NIL	10		463	Duck Lake	NIL	4
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	2		190 B	Duffern	NIL	5		464	Leask	N/A	13
	40	Bengough	6	55		190 C	Duffern	NIL	11		467 A	Round Hill	3	10
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	29		190 D	Duffern	N/A	N/A		467 B	Round Hill	1	8
	43	Old Post	NIL	27		219 A	Longlakeston	N/A	N/A		494	Camwood	3	22
	44	Waverley	NIL	19		220	McKillop	2	2		496	Spiritwood	NIL	38
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A		221	Samia	N/A	2		497	Medstead	N/A	N/A
	71 B	Excel	N/A	N/A		222	Craig	1	16	9B	438	Battle River	3	11
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	NIL		251	Big Arm	0.6	2		440	Hillsdale	N/A	7
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	36		252	Arm River	0.5	6		442	Manitou Lake	9.99	13
	74	Wood River	NIL	30		279	Mount Hope	NIL	2		468 A	Meota	NIL	1
3AN	101	Terrell	5	31		280	Weldon	N/A	NIL		468 B	Meota	N/A	8
	102	Lake Johnston	5.8	26		282	McCraney	2	4		468 C	Meota	11.75	18
	103	Sutton	NIL	25		309	Prairie Rose	3	3		469	Turtle River	N/A	11
	133	Rodgers	N/A	N/A		313	Lost River	N/A	NIL		498 A	Parkdale	3	4
	134	Shamrock	N/A	N/A		339	Leroy	0.6	5		498 B	Parkdale	NIL	21
	164	Chaplin	N/A	18		340	Wolverine	NIL	NIL		499	Mervin	15	31
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	18		341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		501 A	Frenchman Butte	24	15
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	14		343	Blucher	4	4		501 B	Frenchman Butte	9	N/A
	194	Enfield	NIL	10	6B	283	Rosedale	0.5	1		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	N/A
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	49		284	Rudy	1	4		561	Loon Lake	5	7
	18	Lone Tree	NIL	30		285	Fertile Valley	NIL	1		586 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	4
	45	Mankota	NIL	28		296	Milden	NIL	NIL		586 B	Meadow Lake	18	19
	75 A	Pinto Creek	N/A	28		314	Dundum	1.5	3		586 C	Meadow Lake	4	8
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	NIL		344	Corman Park	NIL	2		586 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	NIL
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	24		346	Perdue	NIL	NIL		622	Beaver River	22	22
	76 B	Auvergne	1	22		376 A	Eagle Creek	2	8					
	77	Wise Creek	8	43		376 B	Eagle Creek	2	7					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	1	68		403	Rosetham	N/A	N/A					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	N/A	61	7A	260 A	Newcombe	2	5					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	42		260 B	Newcombe	7.6	8					
	105	Glenbain	1	32		261	Chesterfield	3	8					
	106	Whiska Creek	6	43		287	St. Andrews	2	2					
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	38		298	Pleasant Valley	1	4					
	108	Bone Creek	5	68		290 A	Kindersley	9.8	10					
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	166	Excelsior	NIL	18		292	Milton	4	4					
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	20		317 A	Mamott	NIL	NIL					
	168	Riverside	6	36		317 B	Mamott	2.5	11					
	226	Victory	8	13		318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A					
	228	Lacadena	2	5		318 B	Mountain View	1	7					
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A		320 A	Oakdale	NIL	NIL					
						320 B	Oakdale	N/A	N/A					
	257	Monet	2	2		321	Prainedale	2	2					

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

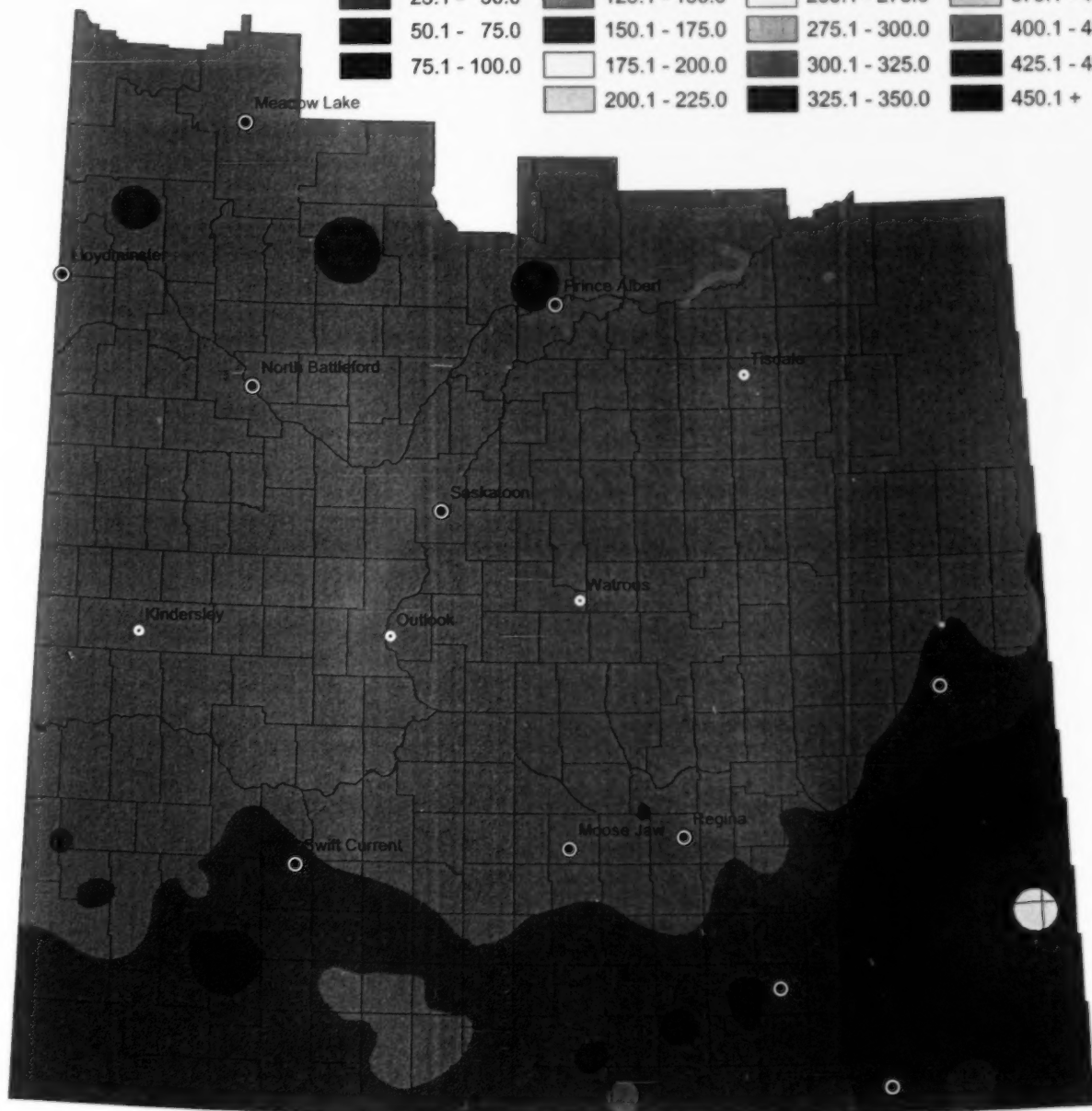
# Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011

To: May 2, 2011

## Rainfall (mm)

0.0 - 25.0	100.1 - 125.0	225.1 - 250.0	350.1 - 375.0
25.1 - 50.0	125.1 - 150.0	250.1 - 275.0	375.1 - 400.0
50.1 - 75.0	150.1 - 175.0	275.1 - 300.0	400.1 - 425.0
75.1 - 100.0	175.1 - 200.0	300.1 - 325.0	425.1 - 450.0
	200.1 - 225.0	325.1 - 350.0	450.1 +



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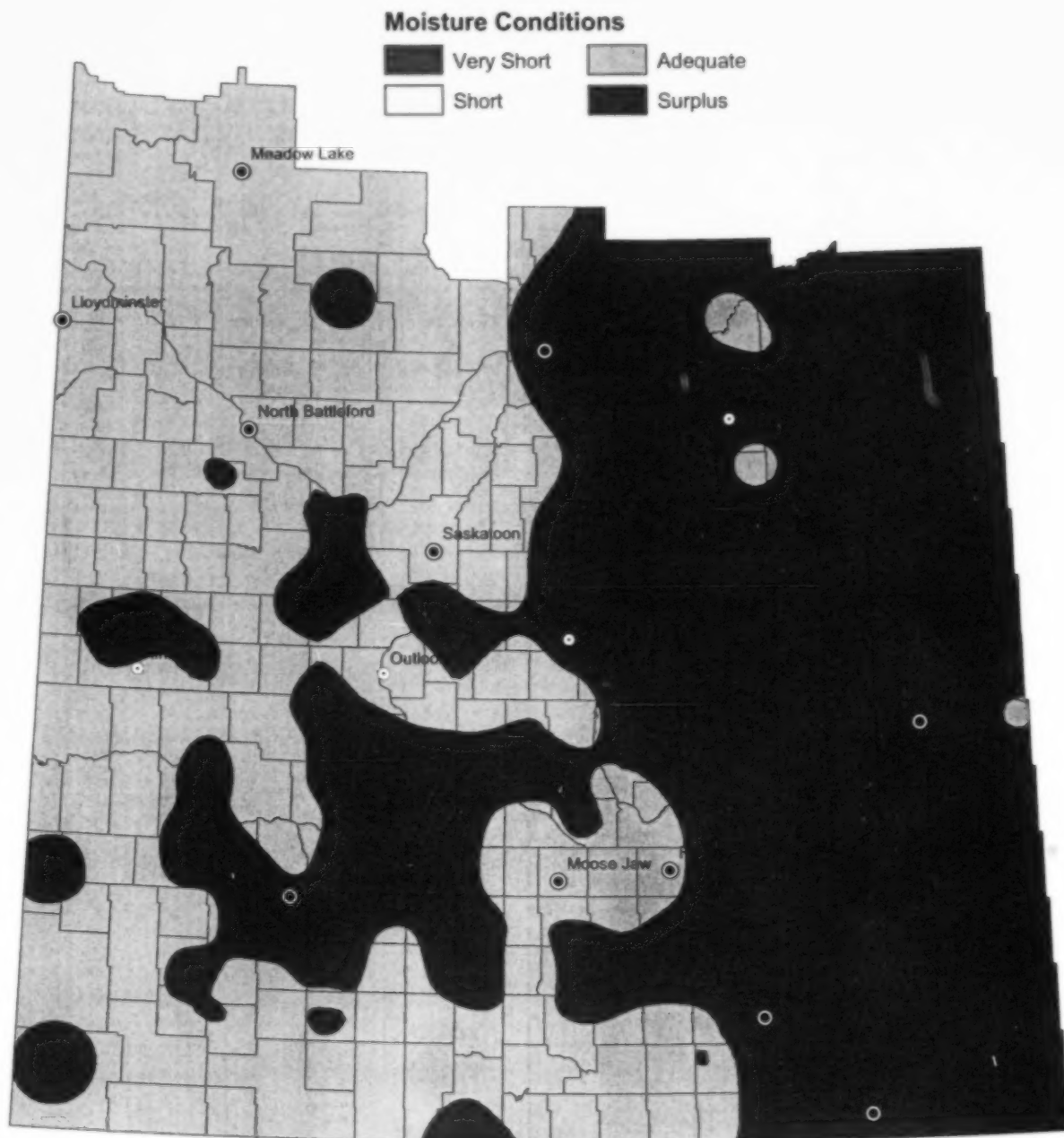
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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 3, 2011



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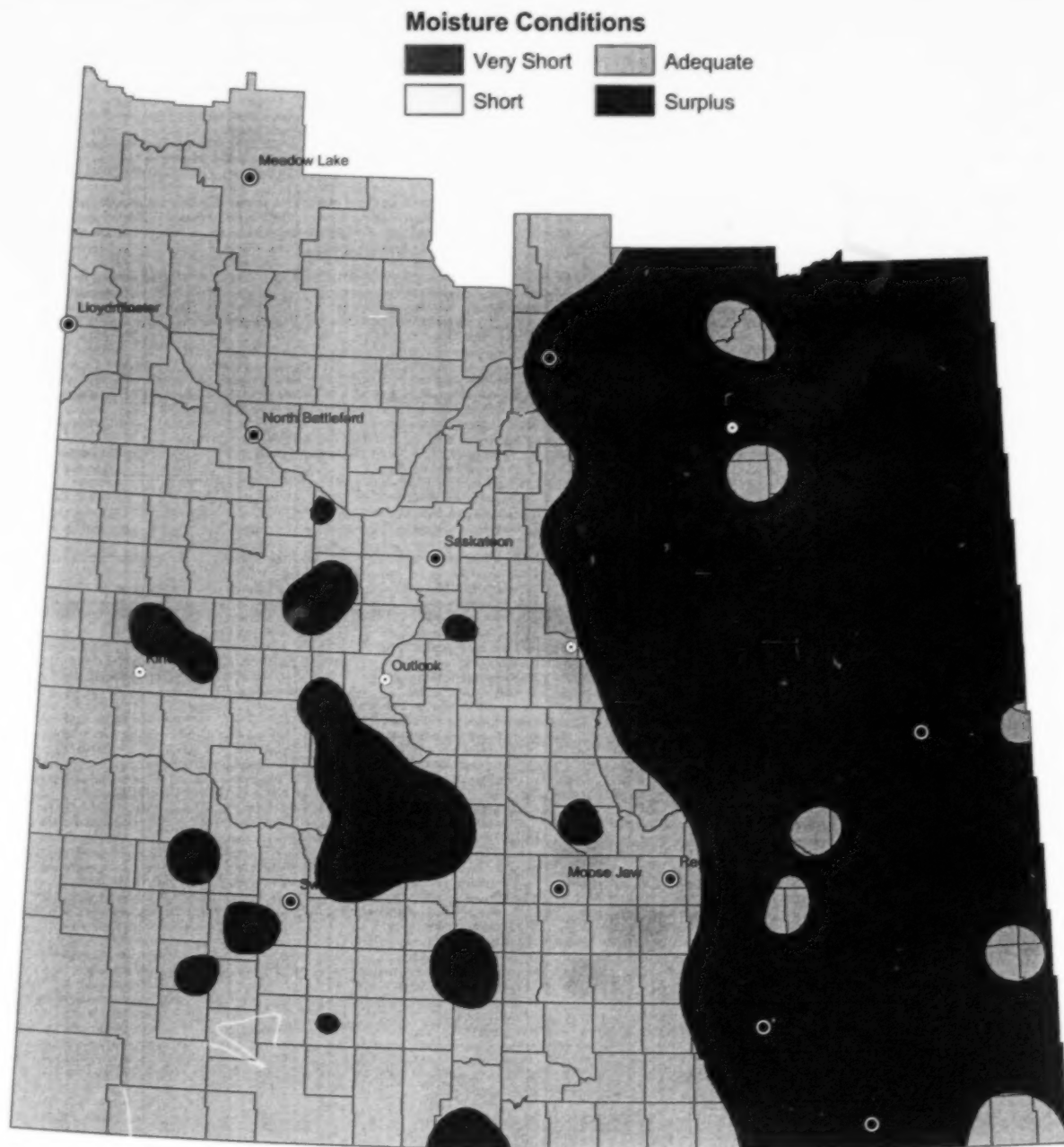


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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## May 3, 2011



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